

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

(Caption of Case) )

Application of Budget PrePay, Inc. for Designation as  
an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier )

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

DOCKET  
NUMBER: 2009 - 276 - C

(Please type or print)

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☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition

☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda  
expeditiously

☐ Other:

INDUSTRY (Check one)

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☐ Electric/Gas  
☐ Electric/Telecommunications  
☐ Electric/Water  
☐ Electric/Water/Telecom.  
☐ Electric/Water/Sewer  
☐ Gas  
☐ Railroad  
☐ Sewer  
☒ Telecommunications  
☐ Transportation  
☐ Water  
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August 4, 2009

**FILED ELECTRONICALLY**

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk  
**SC Public Service Commission**  
P.O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Application of Budget PrePay, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier  
**Docket No. 2009-276-C, ELS File No. 1959-11654**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the Affidavits of Publication received from The State-Record  
Co, Inc. and The Greenville News in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to  
contact me.

Sincerely,

**ELLIS, LAWHORNE & SIMS, P.A.**



Carol Roof  
Paralegal

**Enclosures**

cc: Nannette S. Edwards, Esquire (via electronic mail service)  
Gordon D. Polozola, Esquire (via electronic mail service)  
R. Daniel Hyde, III (via electronic mail service)

PUBLIC SERVICE COM-  
MISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKETING  
DEPARTMENT  
**NOTICE OF  
FILING AND  
HEARING**  
DOCKET NO.  
2009-276-C  
Budget Prepay, Inc.  
d/b/a Budget Phone  
("Budget Phone" or the  
"Applicant") has filed an  
Application with the Pub-  
lic Service Commission  
of South Carolina ("Com-  
mission") for designation  
as an Eligible Telecom-  
munications Carrier  
(ETC) pursuant to 47  
U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) of the  
Telecommunications Act  
of 1934, as amended  
the "Act"), 47 C.F.R. §§  
4.101 through 4.107 of  
the Rules of the Federal  
Communications Com-  
mission ("FCC"), and 26  
C.S.C. Code Ann.  
§§ 103-690. Budget  
Phone requests that the  
Commission designate  
the Applicant as an ETC  
throughout the BellSouth  
telecommunications  
service territory for the pur-  
pose of receiving federal  
universal service sup-  
port. Budget Phone  
requests only low income  
support, and is not  
requesting high cost sup-  
port.  
A copy of the Company's  
entire Application can be  
found on the Commis-  
sion's website at  
www.psc.sc.gov under  
Docket No. 2009-276-C.  
A copy of the Application  
is also available from  
John J. Pringle, Jr.,  
Esquire, Ellis Lawhorne  
& Sims, P.A., P.O. Box  
2285, Columbia, SC  
29202.  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**  
that a hearing on the  
above matter has been  
scheduled to begin at  
10:30 a.m. on Thursday,  
December 17, 2009,  
before the Commission  
in the Commission's  
Hearing Room at 101  
Executive Center Drive,  
Paludis Building, Colum-  
bia, South Carolina.  
Any person who wishes  
to participate in this mat-  
ter, as a party of record,  
with the right of cross-  
examination, should file  
Petition to Intervene in  
accordance with the  
Commission's Rules of  
Practice and Procedure  
on or before August 24,  
2009, and indicate the  
amount of time required  
for his presentation.  
Please include an email  
address for receipt of  
future Commission corre-  
spondence in the Petition  
to Intervene. Please  
refer to Docket No. 2009-  
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THE STATE MEDIA CO., INC.  
Columbia, South Carolina  
publisher of  
**The State**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Brian Nalepa, Advertising Operations  
Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Notice of Filing and Hearing – Docket No. 2009-276-C Budget Prepay

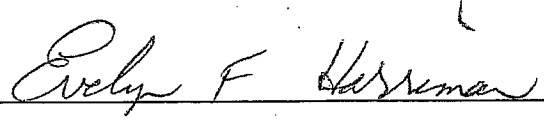
was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in  
the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issue(s) of

July 25, 2009



Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day August 3, 2009



Notary Public

My commission expires  
March 10, 2013

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or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed  
the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in  
error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."*

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Pringle, Esquire, at t  
above address, on  
before August 24, 200  
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refer to Docket No. 2009-  
276-C.  
Any person who wishes  
to be notified of an  
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but does not wish to pre  
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on or before August 24,  
2009. Please refer to  
Docket No. 2009-276-C.  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**  
Any person who wishes  
to have his or her com-  
ments considered as part  
of the official record of  
this proceeding **MUST**  
present such comments  
in person, to the Com-  
mission during the hear-  
ing.  
Persons seeking infor-  
mation about the Com-  
mission's Procedures  
should contact the Com-  
mission at (803) 896-  
5100.  
Public Service Commis-  
sion of South Carolina  
Attn: Docketing  
Department  
Post Office Drawer  
11649  
Columbia,  
South Carolina 29211  
7/22/09

# The Greenville News

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SC 29202

Ad No: 4520973

Class: 0008 Legal Notices (News)

Runs:

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Lines: 150

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*Susan F. Mullinax*

Susan F. Mullinax

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*Carlotta G. Bell*

Carlotta G. Bell

Notary Public for the State of South Carolina

My Commission Expires August 16, 2010

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4520973 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKETING DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING DOCKET NO. 2009-276-C Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone ("Budget Phone" or the "Applicant") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 C.F.R. §§54.101 through 54.207 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 1-03-690. Budget Phone requests that the Commission designate the Applicant as an ETC throughout the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T") service territory for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support. Budget Phone seeks only low income support, and is not requesting high cost support. A copy of the Company's entire Application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2009-276-C. A copy of the Application is also available from John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., P.O. Box 2285, Columbia, SC 29202. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009 before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Salluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina. Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before August 24, 2009, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2009-276-C. Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John J. Pringle, Esquire, at the above address, on or before August 24, 2009, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 2009-276-C. Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before August 24, 2009. Please refer to Docket No. 2009-276-C. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments, in person, to the

Commission during the hearing. Persons seeking  
information about the Commission's Procedures should  
contact the Commission at (803)896-5100. Public  
Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing  
Department PO Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211  
7/22/09

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVERTISEMENT!**

If I can be of further assistance, please call : Susan  
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